

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: RESTRICTION OF CERTAIN IMPORTS FROM BARBADOS,  
GUYANA AND JAMAICA RECOMMENDED

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 3235

1. "EXPRESS" OF DECEMBER 5 REPORTS THAT THE GOTT IS  
STUDYING THE RECOMMENDATION OF A CABINET-APPOINTED COMMITTEE  
(SEE REFTEL) THAT THE IMPORTATION OF 23 ITEMS FROM BARBADOS,  
GUYANA AND JAMAICA BE RESTRICTED. THE REPORT MAKING THIS  
RECOMMENDATION, WHICH WAS LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT BY PM  
WILLIAMS ON DECEMBER 2, PROPOSES THAT THE RESTRICTIONS BE  
EFFECTED THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF THE NEGATIVE LIST.

2. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDED THAT  
THE IMPORTATION OF ALL 23 ITEMS FROM THE THREE NAMED MDCS  
BE MONITORED. AS THE SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER, DECISIONS  
COULD THEN BE MADE AS TO THE CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED TO  
THE IMPORTATION OF THE LISTED ITEMS, AS WELL AS ON  
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POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.

3. THE 23 ITEMS ARE SAID TO BE THE FOLLOWING:  
MEN'S FOOTWEAR; COSMETICS, PERFUMERY AND TOILET PREPARATIONS;  
GAMES AND CLUES; DOMESTIC REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS AND GAS  
COOKERS; METAL CANS; SLIDE FASTENERS; BROOMS AND BRUSHES;  
COMMERCIAL STATIONERY AND GREETING CARDS; CONFECTIONERY

(SUGAR); PLASTIC INSULATED ELECTRIC CABLES AND SWITCH GEAR;  
TELEVISION SETS AND RADIOS; GALVANIZED SHEETS; GALVANIZED  
PIPES; COTTON TOWELS; PAPER TOWELS, FACIAL TISSUES AND TOILET  
PAPER; PLASTIC PRODUCTS (GARBAGE BAGS, PAILS); IRON AND STEEL  
PRODUCTS (TUBES AND BARS); JEWELERY; PLASTIC TUBES AND PIPES;  
PAPER CLIPS; FOOD PREPARATIONS; GARMENTS; AND PAINTS.

4. COMMENT. THE LIST OF RESTRICTED ITEMS AS PUBLISHED  
IN "EXPRESS" APPEARS IMPRECISE IN SOME INSTANCES AND  
REPETITIVE IN OTHERS. WE WILL COMMENT ON THE COMMISSION'S  
REPORT AS SOON AS THE FULL TEXT IS AVAILABLE, PRESUMABLY IN  
THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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